(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation has received two proposals for setting up of flying training schools/institutes at Bhopal and Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh.

Abandoned aerodromes in North-Eastern Region

3817. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of Government regarding abandoned aerodromes spread all over the country;

(b) the number of such aerodromes in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open the closed Airport at Tripura; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) A new Civil Aviation Policy is under formulation which will, among other things, also address the issue of abandoned aerodromes spread all over the country.

(b) The non-operational aerodromes in the North-East Region are Rupsi and Shella in Assam, Kailashahar, Kamalpur and Khowai in Tripura and Turial in Mizoram.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to operationalise the closed airport in Tripura since no airline has made any demand to operate from such airports.

Upgradation of Srinagar Airport

3818. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Srinagar Airport is being upgraded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Srinagar airport belongs to Ministry of Defence. Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave. The present terminal building can accommodate 300 passengers at a time. AAI has plans to expand and modify existing terminal building to handle 600 passengers at a time with all modern passenger amenities. There is also proposal to expand the present apron for parking of wide bodied aircraft. At present the proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Collection of Airport Tax

3819. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether airport tax amounting to Rs. 500/- is collected from each passenger every time he passes through the IGI Airport;

(b) if so, what is the estimated daily collection on this account;

(c) how much of the amount so collected is spent annually on the improvement of the IGI airport and on providing facilities to the passengers; and

(d) what improvement has been made so far in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Rs. 500/- as Foreign Travel Tax is collected from each embarking international passenger at all airports.

(b) Average daily collection during 1999-2000 was Rs. 20.00 lakhs at IGIA, Delhi.

(c) and (d) The amount so collected is credited to the consolidated fund of India with 10% share being paid to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI has spent an amount of Rs. 74.08 crores during 1999-2000 towards improvement and maintenance of the passenger facilities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport as a whole.

Impact of New Aviation Policy on Indian Airlines

3820. MISS. MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new civil aviation policy will throw the Indian Airlines again in disarray;